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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Roger D. Saldia, DOB 01/13/1958, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 12 months imprisonment, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, and full restitution of \$33,785 for fraudulently using another person's social security number.

Between January 18, 2005 and March 30, 2005, Saldia opened six bank accounts at Madison financial institutions, using the social security number of another person. After opening the accounts, Saldia then deposited checks from other non-existent accounts into those accounts. He then used the falsely inflated account balances to purchase a car and other items. The banks and the car dealership lost a total of \$33,785 because of Saldia's fraudulent conduct.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service and the Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General . The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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